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Amendment Transmittal

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application, responsive to an Office Action dated October 8, 2003.

FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

2. [X	No additiona	l fee is req	luired.
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[] The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	44	-	73		x \$9.00	= 0	0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	13		x \$43.00	= 0	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		-			x \$145.00	=	

TOTAL 0.00

3. []		Enclosed is our check for \$ to cover the filing fee.					
	[]	Charge the fee of \$No. 50-1058. A DUPLIG	to Law Offices of Peter H. Priest Deposit Account CATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.				
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Peter H. Priest Deposit Account No. 50-1058. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED. This letter petitions for a 1 month extension of time to respond.

4. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, including any fee for extension of time or credit any overpayment to Law Offices of Peter H. Priest Deposit Account No. 50-1058. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted

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- 1. Amendment Transmittal (2 pages)
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